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## My First Race

by Tom Hickey, BABA Member as of July 16, 2006

Having sailed by myself for the past two years on the flat-water of central PA's lakes, I found myself looking for more. A web search led me to BABA and more\_downhaul. Last Saturday I sheepishly mentioned Sunday's BABA race at Gunpowder to my non-sailing wife. I did so sheepishly, due to the pangs of guilt over those missed meals and family events lost to time on the water. When she suggested we go, I started packing the truck. We arrived early Sunday and I introduced myself to the group from BABA as they were inflating marks and putting up the tent. They greeted me warmly and answered all my newcomers' questions with a smile and a twinkle in their eyes. I had seen the twinkle before - in my own eyes, after a good day on the lake.

My wife Sherry had been lingering some distance away. I walked to her and told her, "At last, I have found my people." They spoke the same language, shared the same passions and seemed to strive to balance work, family and sailing. The group welcomed my wife to the fold also. They enticed her to go out on the boat and help with the scoring and see the race close up. Including her in the action in that little bit has helped open her eyes to what we see.

One of the members, **Ann (Jackson)**, told me that I may find sailing around the course a bit more challenging than just sailing with the wind and where my attempts to impose my will on it took me. She was so right. There were only two of us in the novice class, and the race committee mercifully changed the course to meet our skill level. Still, I sailed horribly, I forgot everything,

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Tom & Sherry Hickey and Mike McCormick

## BABA Family Fun Day Gunpowder Falls State Park Saturday, August 12, 10AM until 4PM

**Hal Ashman, Ultimate Watersports** ([www.ultimatewatersports.com](http://www.ultimatewatersports.com)), and **East of Maui** (<http://www.eastofmauiboardshop.com/>) want to invite BABA members, their families, and friends to another Fun Day at the Gunpowder. **Ultimate Watersports** is offering 6 kayaks, paddles and PFDs to BABA members for the entire day. In addition, **Ultimate Watersports and East of Maui** are providing two complete Bic Techno 293 One Design kits for a "Luck of the Draw" relay race, with prizes for the winning team coming from East of Maui. (Will it be a Pizza Party or some gifts from Bic Sports?)

The Fun Day begins at 10 AM with a BABA-que around noon (Burgers and dogs, meat or veggie types). Please, if you will, bring a covered dish - salads, fruits, desserts, etc. Cold drinks will be provided by **EZZY Sails**.

The Relay races will be limited to 5 sailors each team (some variations to this scheme depending on how many racers sign up) and will run from 11:30 AM until final elimination. Teams will be chosen by random draw from a salad bowl. Final rules will be announced at the skippers meeting. Kayak races will be encouraged with various crazy themes to get you motivated. In addition to the gear above there will be unlimited use of **EZZY, HiFly and Chinook** demo gear at your disposal.

Please join your fellow BABA members on Saturday, August 12 at the Gunpowder and lets make this the biggest Fun Day in BABA history.

*As the man says "Get your shoes and socks on people, it's right around the corner".*

## The Guinness Journal of World Records

Now is your chance as a BABA member to become famous and maybe get your picture in the **New England Windsurfing Journal**. Peter Bogucki, Publisher of the NEWJ, is offering BABA a case of Guinness Stout to encourage all BABA members to **wear their NEWJ t-shirt at BABA Family FunDay, August 12** and turn your back on the camera for a group shot of the largest collection of NEWJ t-shirts ever assembled. The current world record was set at the latest Bogucki Family reunion but this record could fall if enough BABA members "strut their stuff". We'll try to assemble for the group photo shortly after lunch begins (Noon) and if you have extra NEWJ shirts bring them along for the less fortunate.

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## New BABA T-Shirts

The new BABA T's are in! The T's have the BABA logo on front, and nothing on the back. Men's shirts are available in short sleeve in orange or grey - large and extra large.

New this year are women's in two styles; lavender short sleeve, and green sleeveless. Both styles are available in small medium and large (and the smaller sizes are great for kids too!).

The shirts are \$10 each and will be available at all BABA races and other events OR contact Colin & Fan at ColinFan@comcast.net.

## Windsurfing in the News



To: Keith Richards

From: A Concerned Fan (aka Rob Hiaasen of the Baltimore Sun)

Subject: Suggested Beach Activities

Here are your beach Do's and Don'ts. And we do this because we care. We do this because we don't play the guitar and we will never be in Milan or Fiji.

- Windsurfing. Don't recommend. Involves a board, sail, mast, boom and wind; if combined with vodka and rum, can result in blood-draining operations to the head.

Read the entire list here....

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/features/custom/aetoday/bal-ae.richards09jul09,0,1527219.story?coll=bal-aetoday-headlines>



## BABA Mission Statement

The Baltimore Area Boardsailing Association (BABA) is a network of Northern Chesapeake Bay windsurfers. Our purpose is to promote the sport of windsurfing through seasonal racing, instructional clinics, social events and group travel to windsurfing destinations. The club is an advocate for windsurfer access to clean, safe launch sites. Our events focus on an enjoyable social experience while developing further windsurfing skills.

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Membership and other club information is also available online at  
[www.windsurfbaba.org](http://www.windsurfbaba.org)

# Racing News

## BABA 2 & 3/MAS Race and Campout



by Daphne Lathouras

A huge thank you and congratulations to **Commodore Tomaso** for a most excellent Midatlantic Series/BABA Race weekend at the Gunpowder on June 10 & 11. And thanks to the race committee, **Rich Knox**, our committee boat captain, and the land crew too.

We had wind! Formula ran 9 races and longboards ran 11 over the 2 days. After a long day on the water, we had a delicious pasta dinner catered by Mustang Pizza/Deli on Saturday night.

Under clear skies and an almost full moon the campers had a cool and perfect night at the Gunpowder. We had toasted marshmallows, sparklers, no mosquitoes and the first fire flies of the summer (the little kids had as much fun as the big ones).

Chefs **Tomaso, Alan Bernau, Dave**

**Kashy and Mark Weinman** cooked up an excellent camp breakfast on Sunday morning - jalapeno omelets, whole grain pancakes, bacon, sausage, coffee, hot chocolate and some weird green drink that was served with the promise of a longer life and more strength for windsurfing.

We had demos thanks to **Marc Rosen and Ezzy/Chinook/HiFly**. Thank you to **Ezzy** for providing sodas & water - with that much sun and racing we needed the hydration.

All in all it was a brilliant and beautiful weekend.



Ann Jackson



Comodore Tomaso conjures up the wind as the racing crew watches in awe.....



### Racing Fuel

Ezzy Sails will be providing soft drinks at all BABA races and events this season. Thank you Ezzy!

**Petra Kanz**  
 Windsurfing Clinics  
 2006

**Curtis**  
 RACING FINS

# Racing News

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fell, uphauled, fell, uphauled, etc, etc, etc.

And I had a blast. Once, while resting for a moment, in an attempt to stave off exhaustion, I watched the more advance classes come around the marker. It was beautiful and enlightening. When one of the formula racers came around, he flipped his sail without apparent effort, it moved with the grace of a butterfly wing as he turned, plucked it from where it floated in the air, and continued down the course. I was awestruck. I have been many places and seen many things, but that moment is now my inspiration to improve.

Soon after another sailor came by. He offered me some advice. Lower your boom, mast track forward, they helped a bit and we soon broke for lunch. **Fred (Thomas)**, the sailor who had offered the on water advice, had taken note of my 20 year old plus gear, and my six foot one, two hundred and ten pound frame and offered me the chance to take his rig for a

test drive. Another awestruck moment. I had never sailed so fast. I was on top of the water, not just plowing through it. It was all so light, tight and responsive. I think understand now how a junkie must feel when he gets a fix.....

When I returned to the beach, **Mike (McCormick)**, another BABA member who was out on the boat running the races, offered me the use of his board for the remaining heats. I rigged it up and sailed back to the course. I did much better on Mike's board but still spent more time in the water than I should have. I learned what I need to practice when I'm back on my low wind, flat-water lake. Practicing tacking, jibing around markers, and downwind sailing will occupy more of my time.

After the race, we gathered, talked and laughed. I returned the borrowed board and offered thanks to all for making the day so great. When everyone else was packing up and heading home, I told my wife I needed one more run before the long

drive. Once around the channel marker and my arms and legs began to cramp, so back into the beach. Before hauling my board up to the parking lot, I sat in the water of the beginner's area. I watched a woman taking a lesson, make her first uphaul, and fall. She scampered back up, uphauled again, sheeted in, and slowly headed out into the river. I thought for a moment about my journey from my first uphaul to my first race, and wished her the same happy sailing.

On the long drive home, Sherry and I discussed the events of the day and tried to remember everyone's names. We were both sore, sunburned, and very happy. What more can you ask for at the end of the day? Sherry and I would like to thank everyone at the race for making the experience such a pleasure. We are also grateful to those not present who made the day possible. We look forward to meeting and sailing with all of you again.



*John Bickford, Albert Pritchard, Fred Thomas & Daphne Lathouras*



*Chad Perkins (WET), Randy Rainey & John Contos (WET)*



*Fred Thomas*

## BABA 2 & 3/MAS Races



*Alan Bernau & John Groesbeek*

# Racing & Clinic News

## An International Clinic

by Janice Emerling, Clinic Coordinator

Or at least it seems like that might be the theme of this year's Learn to Windsurf clinic. Participants from the Ukraine and other countries gave an international flavor to our event. With twenty enthusiastic students enrolled, the clinic was filled to capacity at start time.

Sunday, June 3rd dawned bright and clear. Well, maybe it was a bit overcast at first, but by the start of the clinic at noon it was gorgeous. Probably the nice temperature (80's) and blue skies contributed to 100% attendance. The wind left a little to be desired, "blowing" at about 5 mph and ranging from north to southeast. Well, too much wind - or no wind at all - would have been worse.

**Ultimate Watersports**, our very capable co-sponsor, provided **Justin Miller's** certified instructing skills, simulator set up, life vests, boards and rigs. BABA provided on the water instruction by **Chuck Schnee and Mark Weinman**, with major assistance from **Helen Van Gelder, Bill Anderson and John Bickford**. BABA also provided our tent, handled registration, took photos and gave a year's complimentary club membership to each participant.

The clinic director (that would be me), home with a newly repaired broken leg elevated higher than my heart, penned this second hand account of the clinic.

Our attendees were a keen, persistent, and fun lot. They displayed the usual range of skill/balance/athleticism. A message to participants: since all windsurfers were beginners once, it is important for us to convey that it is totally normal to be where ever you are in this range. Please don't be discouraged if you observed someone who "got it" right away as you struggled. Keep at it - rent beginner equipment, get in some time on the water, take another lesson. What's the worst you'll do? Get wet and cool off on a hot summer day!

The clinic followed the usual format: introduction, safety review, and basic "getting started" lecture on the simulator. Next step: out on the water to try out the basics - uphauling, staying on the board, sailing and steering. Back to the simulator to review the above, and a lecture about tacking. Back on the water to practice all of the



above. Tired but happy participants back off the water for review and wrap up discussion. Everyone was able to sail briefly by day's end.

Thanks to all for another successful learn to windsurf clinic. Thanks to Hal Ashman and Ultimate Watersports for all you contributed and for being present at the Gunpowder day in, day out, and supporting windsurfers for all these many years. Thanks to Justin for your very capable instruction. Thanks to Helen for the photos. Thanks to Chuck, Mark, John, Helen, and Bill for all your work at the clinic.



## Sheik Yerbouti's Out!

Forget your shoes and socks people, Sheik Yerbouti's out and get ready for more racing after our August hiatus. Warm-up with the sailboats at the **Hart Miller Island Rounding on September 9 at BCSC** (this is a BABA Fun race and not scored with the BABA season). Next, **BABA VI - Hot Chili Pepper Regatta will be held on September 16 at Gunpowder**.

Then, get ready for another great weekend of racing when BABA hosts the **East Coast Formula Championships and Midatlantic Series Races (aka BABA VII & VIII) and Campout at Mayo Beach on September 30 - October 1**. Volunteers are needed for the race committee boat (see the action up close, help with scoring and timing and take pictures for the newsletter!) and land crew, especially for the ECFC at Mayo. Contact Commodore Tomaso at [tomas919@worldnet.att.net](mailto:tomas919@worldnet.att.net) or call 301/854-6442.

## Mayo WindFest

**East Of Maui and Aix sponsa** held a two day Mini-Windfest at Mayo Beach Park on May 13 and 14, presenting 2006 demo gear from **EZZY Sails, Gaastra, HiFly Bic & Tiga, Chinook Sailing Products, Fiberspar, and DAKINE**. The event was set up for those sailors who do not regularly go south to Hatteras for the original Windfest (held at Frisco Woods Campground).

The weekend weather was perfect with only a few threats of rain on Sunday. Saturday's winds were light giving testers a chance to uphaul the big stuff on some wide boards - sunny with air temps in the 70s, it was a great day on the beach.

Sunday brought much stronger winds at sunrise with a cold chill in the air that quickly warmed up for some nice 6 to 7 meter sailing. A few BABA members returning from Hatteras straggled in on Sunday to continue their windsurfing addiction for a few more hours.

Stay tuned for announcements for next year's MayoMega-Demo with more manufacturers to give a larger taste of new gear to play with.



## BABA IN AVON: October 7-14<sup>th</sup>, 2006

We are now taking reservations for the Fall BABA trip to the East Coast's windsurfing Mecca, Cape Hatteras, North Carolina!



Sign up now to get in on the best opportunity around for a week-long world class vacation, on the cheap. We have reserved 7 houses at BABA's favorite windsurfing site in Avon on Hatteras Island. These houses are in the Island Creek development, and have modern kitchens and hot tubs. Most of the private rooms include a private bath. We will have secure indoor equipment storage rooms, great observation decks along with grassy rigging and gathering areas on the back lawn, all directly on Pamlico Sound. Come along and bring your friends and family, or just your favorite boards! Contact Bill Anderson if you have questions: at 410-757-8705 or wilmeaux@verizon.net.

New this year is the rule that all trip participants need to be BABA members. If you haven't yet paid your 2006 dues, you may send in your membership application (see [www.windsurfbaba.org](http://www.windsurfbaba.org) for membership form) and the \$20 dues along with your reservation.

The prices are \$200 for a shared room and \$425 for a private room. In order to guarantee your place in the wind, sun and fun that goes with BABA's Avon excursions, please complete the following information and send it in along with your check for the appropriate amount.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Queen/King private room @\$425

name of person sharing room (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Shared space or den @ \$200

name, if desired, of person you would like to share room with: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cancellation policy:** With notification of at least 2 months before a trip, BABA will provide a 100% refund. After that date, refunds are made if the space can be re-rented.

**Make your check payable to BABA and send to:**

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## Predicting Thermals

By Mark Weinman



Rocky Point, Miami Beach and the Gunpowder River are ideal locations for the development of thermal winds. Thermal winds are generated by a contrast in the temperature of adjacent air masses. To simplify what happens, the water in the Chesapeake Bay is typically cooler than the adjacent land temperature. During daylight hours, the land heats up causing a rising column of hot air, as this occurs, the cooler air sitting over the water rushes in to replace the rising hot air. The result is a thermal breeze. Several other areas that are famous for thermal breezes are: The Gorge and the San Francisco Bay.

There are several things to look for when predicting thermals in the northern Chesapeake:

- 1) You need a pressure gradient or front that will favor winds from a southerly direction. Check for a weather forecast that mentions a Bermuda High off the coast. Winds with a northern direction will tend to negate any thermal effect.
- 2) Rain or thunderstorms tend to disrupt or shut down thermals.
- 3) Low humidity, clear, sunny days are best. Dense haze or cloudy conditions inhibit the formation of thermals.
- 4) Thermals typically occur between 11:30am and 3:30pm, this correlates to the hottest time of the day. If you can not get to the water before 2:00, do not bother, chances are the wind will shut down by 4:00. Occasionally the winds will stay up till 7:00 or 8:00 but this is rare.
- 5) Thermals occur when there is a high contrast of water and air temperature. Late spring and early fall are best. During mid-Summer the Bay water can be very warm, making it hard for thermals to develop.
- 6) Make it a habit to keep track of the weather all the time, even if you can not go sailing that day. A good understanding of local weather patterns allow you to score a lot of good short-board days and minimize getting skunked.
- 7) I would strongly suggest joining **iwindsurf**. They are seasoned meteorologists and are pretty good at predicting thermals.

Note: I am not trained in weather forecasting. This information is a result of constantly observing local weather patterns and being passionate about windsurfing. If your schedule has some flexibility and you keep an eye on the weather, you can easily sail 20 to 30 plus days on a short-board in our area between April and November.

## BABA Bike Collection

By Ann Jackson

The second annual BABA sponsored bicycle collection for Bikes for the World on June 17 collected 67 bicycles. Our great sponsor, Rod Reddish from the Severna Park bicycle store Pedal Pushers, had been collecting bicycles for a number of weeks



and had over 30 bikes ready to go. A small college north of Baltimore donated 15 bicycles and 2 hours of their time working at the collection. Once again we all worked hard for a good cause and had fun doing it. The bicycles are now on their way to Panama. A big thank you to BABA for sponsoring the event and for helping to publicize it.

Bikes for the World is a simple, people-centered project that rescues unwanted bicycles wasting away in American storage areas, and puts them to productive use overseas. Bicycles are donated to selected nonprofit agencies in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the South Pacific. For more information about BfW, check out their web site at [www.bikesfortheworld.org](http://www.bikesfortheworld.org).



[www.hatteras.ws](http://www.hatteras.ws)



## Texas Travels

by Maureen Pritchard



*Camping at Bird Island Basin*

Late last year, Albert and I were invited to the wedding of a young friend who graduated from the Naval Academy a few years ago. We've followed Matt's life and career as a jet pilot with the Marines with interest and admiration, but must admit to being really interested in attending the wedding when we saw that the location was in Port Aransas, just across the bridge from Corpus Christi and close to the Padre Island National Seashore. This was to be our first really extensive motorhome trip with both dogs, all of our windsurfing equipment and our bikes, but no car. We checked the maps and decided that we could either drive a large vehicle or travel by bike wherever we needed to go. It was a good decision as we found that traveling without a tow vehicle made life much easier.

We left on a cold day in the middle of January and had reservations for a few days each at parks to accommodate our motorhome in Port Aransas and South Padre Island. The rest of the time we planned to figure it out as we went along. We took our time getting to Texas and stopped to hike and bike along the way. We found campgrounds along the way (even though Albert would have preferred that we sleep in the truck stops or Walmarts for free). I figured that \$20 or so was a cheap fee for a place to sleep overnight. We later discovered that the rest of the country doesn't think so. We wound our way through the south and were shocked to view some of the horrible devastation in the New Orleans area and other coastal towns.

Our first stop for camping and windsurfing in Texas was at the Padre Island National Seashore. The Laguna Madre side (their bay) called Bird Island Basin has no frills camping. No frills means chemical toilets and nothing else - unless you think it an asset to park 10 feet from the water, experience unbelievable sunsets, have to

yourself acres of unspoiled Texas land with so many species of birds that it would fill a book or two. Our dogs also loved endless walks through the mud flats (which are generally dry and hard) and grasses and much time in the water. There is a campground less than a mile down the road with a dump station and access to fresh water. We paid the \$15 annual fee to enter the seashore park and the \$10 fee which gave us camping rights for the year as well. The only stipulation was that camping was only allowed for 14 consecutive nights. One needs to leave the park for 48 hours after those 14 days are up and can then return for another 14. Apparently you can repeat this cycle for quite some time. We assumed that the area would resemble the Hatteras National Seashore area. By comparison, it made Hatteras look developed. Once you enter the national seashore on Padre



*Maureen*

Island there are no towns, no lights, no tv, no bars, and basically very few people. We loved it.

We camped at the Bird Island Basin on the Laguna Madre for 4 or 5 nights. It was the winter season and we had only a few neighbors. Bird Island Basin is a parking area that was recently improved by the National Park Service. Apparently it used to be an area which flooded most days

and was muddy on the other ones. Since the improvements, non-windsurfers have discovered the magic of this area and the windsurfers who frequent it are quite vocal about having these "people" hanging out on their turf.

During our first week we didn't meet anyone from Texas. The folks camped next to were from Germany and spend 2 months in Texas each spring and another 2 months each fall. Other were generally from Minnesota, North Dakota, Canada or other cold places and can readily be called "Winter Texans."

The water is flatter than anything we've every seen - even in Avon. It is basically shallow (except when I happen to fall), but there are tons of weeds and grasses. Sometimes it's creepy with all the weeds, but it's shallow.

Where else can one go and pull up a rather large motorhome and legally stay for a week or so without paying, or barely paying anything?? We soon realized that the fees we agreed to pay for the structured campgrounds were crazy in comparison.

We also spent some days in South Padre Island. It tends to be more of a destination for those who want more pampering than the national seashore area. Our luxury campground there was pretty and offered all the amenities one could possible want, but was generally all concrete, pavement and manicured garden areas. Albert and I quickly decided that we are more the state and national park folks and not the "RV Resort" types. We generally like to spend time OUTSIDE our motorhome. The only resort amenities we chose to use were the laundry facilities. We'll pass on the bingo, shopping trips, etc., etc. Windsurfing in South Padre is generally on the mud flats just north of the town. We met up with Jibber, the guy who runs the South Padre Windsurfing scene. There's a windsurfing

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## BABA in Hatteras

The 2nd annual May trip brought another great week of windsurfing for a small but dedicated group of BABA windaholics. We had great wind with planing conditions six out of seven days. Wednesday winds were light in the early part of the day and the beginners were out in good form. **Sam Melnick**, age 6, had his first windsurfing solo with a rented 1.2m sail and **Rich Knox's** GO board. A big thank you to **Bill Anderson**, our trip coordinator. Bill played pit crew for many of us as he was landlocked with a separated shoulder from a January skiing accident. Bill, we look forward to being on the water with you on the October trip!



Sam Melnick



Steve Lucas



Daphne Lathouras



Phil Anderson

### Texas Travels cont.

and kiting beach he rents which one can join for a modest fee, but we decided to sail off the state park area since it was the off season. We were the lone windsurfers on the beach on the Laguna Madre. The water was still exceptionally flat, but the weeds were excessive. However, it was still January and we were windsurfing and worrying about sunscreen. The temperatures were in the high 80's. No complaints. We did find a great horse stable

on South Padre and had a wonderful morning ride in and out of the water along the Gulf.

When we left South Padre we ventured into a border town in Texas offering an international bridge into Mexico. We spent half a day overwhelmed by the sights, sounds and smells of Mexico. Albert even submitted to a haircut while there! At the end of the day, we were most happy to returned to the Padre National Seashore for a few days of blissful and free camping and windsurfing. Eventually we needed to make our way up north to the wedding in Port Aransas. Port Aransas was a fun town, but didn't really have any areas from which one could safely windsurf. It's a shrimping, fishing, artsy and port town with a huge channel running through the Laguna Madre. Ferries large enough for our motorhome run back and forth all day long. We loved biking through town and checking out all the shrimp and fishing boats and personal boats launched at the beautiful park right near the ferry landing. Again we "camped" in an RV resort, but it was right on the Gulf of Mexico and we could walk



Albert & Chip



Albert's Mexican haircut

home from the wedding along the beach.

We made our way home through Oklahoma, Arkansas (and bathed in Hot Springs), and some great areas in Tennessee. We arrived in Maryland in mid-February just in time for our 10 inch snowstorm and spent the next few days feeding the animals at our friends' farm while they were vacationing in Florida. We actually had to shovel a path to make it to the sheep and horses and tigers. It made the Texas memories sweeter yet.

## 2006 BABA CALENDAR

### Saturday, August 12

BABA Family Fun Day  
 Sponsored by Ultimate Watersports  
 and East of Maui  
 Gunpowder Falls State Park  
 10 am - 4 pm  
 contact Marc Rosen  
 (more info on p1)

### Saturday, September 9

Hart Miller Island Rounding -  
 BABA Fun Race  
 Baltimore County Sailing Center  
 Rocky Point State Park, Essex, MD

### Sunday, September 17

BABA VI  
 Hot Chili Pepper Regatta  
 Gunpowder State Park, Chase MD

### Saturday and Sunday September 30 - October 1

BABA VII & VIII  
 East Coast Formula Championship  
 Mid Atlantic Series Race  
 and Campout  
 part of the USW  
 National Race Tour  
 Mayo Beach Park, Mayo, MD

### October 7 - 14

BABA Fall Hatteras Trip

### October 14 - 15

Hampton Roads Fall Classic  
 Mid Atlantic Series Race  
 Hampton, VA



### Need more information?

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**WET Events:** go to [www.sailwet.com](http://www.sailwet.com) for updates & contact info

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Directions, updates & more information on BABA events - go to [www.windsurfbaba.org](http://www.windsurfbaba.org)

## Classifieds.....Classifieds.....

### Sail for Sale:

2003 5.8 Ezzy Wave  
 SE, used once, new condition-\$225  
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 (h)703-998-0805, or email at:  
[craigwcarlson@yahoo.com](mailto:craigwcarlson@yahoo.com)

### For Sale:

Classic board shapes are making a comeback! (F2 just introduced a 25th anniversary edition of the "Sunset Slalom") The E-Rock will be next. Get yours now for \$175 instead of the \$1295 they will command when released.  
 Classic BIC E-Rock. "Rock" solid in chop. Easy-to-jibe. 105 liters, 8'10" \$175.  
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### gear for sale:

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